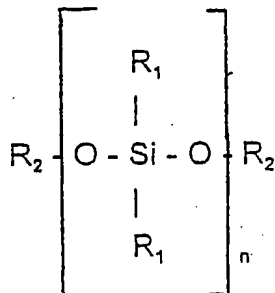


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a composition to be used in paints, which is characterized by comprising a resin constituent which includes

- i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,
- ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



where R^1 is hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms, R^2 is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that the ~~total molecular weight~~ molar mass of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains.--